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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Plans

INFORMATION: NE/Iraq

SUBJECT: Soviet Diplomatic Representatives Charge
U-2 Spied for Israel

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1. Attached is a translation of an article by S. SEGEV which appeared in the Hebrew-language daily newspaper Ma'ariv in Tel Aviv, Israel on 4 October 1960. A copy of the original Hebrew is also attached.

2. The attached article is based on the item from the Iraqi newspaper Al Taqudum, the translation and original of which were sent to you via reference. The same reliable source of this office furnished both articles.

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Translation

Soviet authorities have been exploiting the affair of the U. S. U-2 spy plane, which was forced down on Soviet territory in order to aggravate the Arab-Israeli situation. Soviet diplomats in the Middle Eastern states have recently been trying to "sell" the Arabs the idea that the American plane also photographed targets in the Arab states and that it passed the information on to Israeli intelligence.

Pro-Communist newspapers in Turkey and Iraq recently learned from "diplomatic circles" that the information, which was gathered by the U. S. planes, was passed on to Israel under an information-exchange agreement between Mr. Shime'on PERES, the Deputy Minister of Defense, and the U. S. authorities.

According to these sources, the U-2 planes took off from bases in Turkey and Saudi Arabia and the personnel made 1:1,500-scale aerial maps on Arab countries. The details, which were gathered in this way, will enable Israel, according to the Soviet sources, to learn about items of military significance within about 180 kilometers of its border. The Soviet diplomats added the information that these American planes which were flying from Dhahran in Saudi Arabia were also flying over the territory of Jordan and Israel.

Observers indicate that this is not the first time that the Soviets have tried to exploit the Israeli-Arab tensions and the inter-Arab relations by fabricating such stories.

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